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# Plymouth Garden Club

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## Membership

Active:	79
New Active	1
Less	1
Total Active	79
Associate	10
Life:	1
Honorary	2

## Horticulture By Joy Sand

### Anyone For “Garbage Gardening?”

What usually happens to the seeds, pits, even too withered to eat roots or trimmings from your food prep? Is it the compost pile? ... Or gasp...the trash and the landfill? There is an alternative: fun gardening recycling.

Most unprocessed fruit or vegetable scraps can be coaxed to produce an attractive houseplant. This is gardening to produce a decorative plant that can be moved to the planter or window box in the spring, not generally “farming” for food. Plants can be started in bright window using water, potting soil, seed starter mix, or pebbles as the medium (Plastic pastry domes make excellent greenhouses.) But be aware that tropical kiwi, papaya, and pomegranate – imported during the winter are frequently irradiated to enhance keeping quality but rendering seeds, etc. sterile. They won’t germinate.

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*Despite the gardener’s best intentions, Nature will improvise.*  
~ Michael P. Garofalo

Welcome to our newest member, Marie Young, (Sponsor, Fran Minichiello) Home Address: 4 Highland Terrace - Unit 411, Plymouth; Home Phone: 508-591-7089, Cell: 617-699-5529; Email: mytyoceanpoint@verizon.net Please update your yearbook.

Effective November 11, 2015, we are going to temporarily suspend accepting new applications for membership. The board is currently reviewing our policy and procedures. Once the task is completed, any changes/revisions to the membership process could require changes in the By-Laws. The board will also be reviewing all of the By-Laws.

**Remember our Green Sale** is less than a month away. This year it is being handled differently than in previous years. Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table for both days divided by times of day. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up at this month’s meeting.

**Friday, December 4**, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. is the workshop for making 60 wreaths, two different themes, live arrangements and small boutique items. We will also be doing decorations for the library. If you would like to make small arrangements, Meghan Rinker or Geri Williams will be available to help you. Your small arrangements can be made at home using your own greens and decorations. The club will supply the oasis.

**Saturday, December 5**, is the actual sale at the library. Members should be there at 10 a.m. to set up. The sale starts at 11 a.m. It is important that all members plan to attend the workshop. The sale will not need as many volunteers. We have the opportunity to make this our best fundraiser ever! Let’s all work together.

**Art in Bloom**—The votes are counted and the Popular Favorite at the Plymouth Art Guild AIB has been awarded to Judy Tessin, for her beautiful interpretation of “Forever Quiet,” the amazing quilt created by Gail Butler. Congratulations, Judy!

**More Art in Bloom** – Johanna Longo and Jean Dobachesky will team up to represent the club in the 2016 MFA Art in Bloom event. The show will be April 30 – May 2. February 29 is Arrangers Day, when they’ll be introduced to their subject. After last year’s Oceana mask, who knows what *object d’arte* those curators will come up with?

A touch of Hawaii can be encouraged from the top of a pineapple, however. Also hybrid fruits and veggies usually don't "breed true" from seed. They often differ in looks (and flavor) from the parents.

As children, many of us grew simple gardens from carrot tops, potato sections or even avocados – then called “alligator pears.” Novice gardeners can succeed with the above mentioned “crops” or the dried seeds of beans, melons, peas, (not frozen or canned) or left over seeds from packets of carrots and radishes. A book to consult on the subject is *Don't Throw It Grow It* by Deborah Peterson. The County Extension Service is another potential source.

Citrus seeds can be planted to produce attractive foliage specimens. But they rarely bloom or produce fruit. You won't be able to grow your own supply of key lime! However, especially developed miniature citrus plants are available for your sunroom from Logee's Greenhouse in Connecticut.

If your herb garden hasn't already “given its all”, try cuttings of rosemary, sage, or planting the seeds of chives, basil, and parsley. The resulting plants will provide savory garnishes or flavor enhancements for winter meals.

Give it a try. “Garbage Gardening” is a way to keep our fingers in the soil during a bleak New England winter.

Happy Thanksgiving! I'm especially thankful for friends, gardens, and dogs.

**November Meeting** – And still speaking of Art in Bloom this month's Meeting is the MFA “Road Show,” telling the behind-the-scenes story of the now-famous event. We're delighted to learn that the floral designer for this program is Fluffy Winner, our own Southeast District Director! This is a must-make-it meeting!

### **November Tea Committee**

Hostess: Maureen McCarron Co-Hostess: Nancy Markley  
Committee: Pat Cotta, Susan Denehy, Denise Faherty, June Gillette, Monica Mooney, Gretchen Moran, Sue White

### **Civic Beautification Update**

#### **Brewster Gardens**

Jean\_Dobachesky and her crew cleaned the beds and planted more daffodil in the garden that faces Leyden Street.

#### **Plymouth Library Gardens**

Norene Casey advises that more daffodils were planted and one Mugo Pine needs to be replaced. However, a decision must be made whether to keep them in the beds due to the issues we're having with them.

#### **Hedge House**

Joy Sand has cleaned the beds and they are closed for the winter. New mulch will be needed in needed in the spring.

**Christmas Luncheon Reminder** – Next month is our always enjoyable Luncheon. Every member should bring something from his /or her vast recipe collection. Kevinette has a sign-up sheet on the table for you to write what you plan to bring, whether it be an appetizer, main dish, side dish or dessert, or something in the miscellaneous category.

Remember to bring your own flatware and an ornament for exchange on the tree. If you would like to bring an arrangement for the table, you could take it home after the luncheon or donate it to be auctioned. Remember to arrive by 11:30 a.m. to prepare your item for presentation. Committee members should arrive by 11 a.m. Kevinette reminds us that luncheon is served at 12-Noon.

If you remember, our May sale was very successful. We didn't report the funds made from the birdbaths made by Souther Barnes. Souther made \$360 and he and Fran donated the entire amount to the club. Thank you Souther and Fran Barnes!